Strontium

Metals

An alkaline-earth element mined as the mineral celestite (strontium sulfate), used ground in drilling fluids and converted into compounds such as strontium carbonate for ferrite magnets, pyrotechnics, glass and ceramics.

Key facts

World production, 2025
450,000 tonnes

Top producer
Iran, 56%

USGS MCS item
Mine production Mine production (strontium minerals)

Also called
Sr, celestite, strontium carbonate

Top producers, 2025

Country	Tonnes	Share
Iran	250,000	56%
Spain	100,000	22%
China	80,000	18%
Mexico	20,000	4.4%
Argentina	700	0.2%

USGS Mineral Commodity Summaries, MCS 2026.

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